

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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World Bank Aid for Cleaning of Ganga River
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of World Bank aid allocated/released/utilized for cleaning of Ganga river so far along with the success achieved in its cleaning;
- (b) whether in a recent meeting held between the Prime Minister of India and the World Bank President, it has been suggested that the cleaning of Ganga river would be a very inspiring project for the World Bank to take up; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the World Bank thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) The World Bank has provided financial assistance/loan for \$ 1 Billion for abatement of pollution of river Ganga against the National Ganga River Basin (NGRB) project approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) at an estimated cost of Rs. 7000 crores under the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) for implementation in the States viz., Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. The principal objective of the project is to fund creation of pollution abatement infrastructure for conservation and restoration of water quality of the river, institutional development component for setting dedicated implementation entities at Centre and States, setting up a Ganga Knowledge Centre, comprehensive water quality monitoring system and capacity building of Central Pollution Control Board, State Pollution Control Boards and Urban Local Bodies.

Out of the 27 infrastructure projects, work has been initiated in 15 projects.

(b) & (c) National Mission for Clean Ganga is not aware of the recent meeting of the Prime Minister with the World Bank President, of points raised and outcome thereof.
